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SUBJECT: PAGE 6 OF DAR ES SALAAM SCOPE PAPER

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAGE 6 OF SCOPE PAPER FOR DAR ES
SALAAM:

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT POSITION INCLUDES:

MILITARY COMMITTEES: THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS
ASSERTED ITS RIGHT TO CONTROL MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS
DURING THE TRANSITION AND TO DETERMINE FORMATION OF THE
NEW ARMY. WHILE IT HAS NOT MADE SPECIFIC COMMENT ON THE
PROPOSAL FOR MILITARY COMMITTEES THAT WAS HANDED OVER AT
MALTA, IT COULD OPPOSE THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER
NATIONALISTS IN THE TRANSITIONAL MILITARY COMMITTEE AS
WELL AS THE DESCRIPTION OF BOTH COMMITTEES AS ADVISORY
TO THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

CEASEFIRE: THE CEASEFIRE SHOULD BE AGREED BETWEEN
THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON ONE SIDE AND THE UK AND SMITH ON
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THE OTHER. THE OTHER PARTIES HAVE NO ROLE IN IT, MEANING,
IN ESSENCE, THAT SALISBURY PARTIES OR INTERNAL
NATIONALISTS HAVE NO VOICE IN CRUCIAL TRANSITION MILITARY
ARRANGEMENTS.

POWERS OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER: THE FRONT LINE
HAS SAID THE PF NOW ACCEPTS THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ON
THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR "DEFENSE".

AT MALTA, NKOMO ARGUED THAT THE PF-DOMINATED GOVERNING COUNCIL NOT THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, SHOULD BE COMMANDER -IN-CHIEF OF ALL FORCES.

UNITED NATIONS FORCE: THE FRONT LINE SAYS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT NOW ACCEPTS A UNITED NATIONS FORCE. PREVIOUSLY, IT OPPOSED A UN FORCE, ARGUING THE UN SHOULD PROVIDE ONLY OBSERVERS TO WITNESS THE CEASEFIRE AND ELECTIONS. THE PF SAID THAT DURING THE TRANSITION THE COMMANDERS OF THE VARIOUS FORCES COULD WORK OUT PROBLEMS AMONG THEMSELVES.

FORMATION OF A NEW ARMY: AT MALTA, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT EXPRESSED LITTLE OPPOSITION TO CARVER'S PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW ARMY. IN FACT, NKOMO'S MILITARY COMMANDER MANGENA SAID PRIVATELY THE THREE RHODESIAN ARMY BATTALIONS CITED BY CARVER DO QUALIFY AS "ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS." RECENTLY, HOWEVER, NKOMO STATED THAT HE HAD AN ARMY AND WOULD NOT ACCEPT ONE CREATED BY THE BRITISH.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER'S (OR NEUTRAL ADMINISTRATOR'S) ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MILITARY MATTERS AND HIS ROLE AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF ALL FORCES
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ARE KEY ELEMENTS IN ASSURING A NEUTRAL TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION AND IN PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE COORDINATION ON MILITARY MATTERS.

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